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SUBJECT: HUNGARIAN VIEWS AS I LEAVE BUDAPEST

AFTER CALLS ON VIRTUALLY ENTIRE HUNGARIAN LEADERSHIP
OF PARTY AND GOVERNMENT -- KADAR FOR ONE HOUR AND FIFTEEN
MINUTES, PRIME MINISTER FOCK OVER ONE HOUR, HIS TWO PRINCI-
PAL DEPUTIES, VALYI AND TIMAR, FOREIGN MINISTER PETER,
FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER BIRO, TRANSPORTATION MINISTER CSANADI,
PRESIDENT LOSONCZI, ASSORTED DEPUTIES IN VARIOUS MINISTRIES,
BANK PRESIDENT LASZLO AND VICE PRESIDENT FEKETE, FOREIGN
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TRADE BANK PRESIDENT SALUSINSZKY, AS WELL AS INTELLECTUAL AND CULTURAL LEADERS IN HUNGARY -- THE FOLLOWING PICTURE OF HUNGARIAN THINKING EMERGES ON THE EVE OF MY DEPARTURE FROM BUDAPEST AFTER FOUR YEARS HERE.

1. HUNGARIANS ARE PLEASED WITH US- USSR DETENTE. SEE IN IT BENEFICIAL EFFECTS FOR THEMSELVES IN BROADENING THEIR RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES AS WELL AS WITH WESTERN EUROPE.
2. HUNGARIAN PARTY AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT DEVELOPMENT OF U. S. - HUNGARIAN RELATIONS IN PAST FOUR YEARS. RECALLED MOST WELCOME VISIT FROM SECRETARY OF STATE LAST YEAR.
3. HUNGARIANS WANT FROM US MFN (KADAR, FOCK, BIRO AND NEARLY EVERYONE ELSE). THEY SEE IN MFN THE POSSIBILITY OF ACQUIRING TECHNICAL KNOW- HOW WHICH THEY NEED FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR ECONOMIC REFORM AND POSSIBILITY OF EXPORTING MORE GOODS TO US. THEY DO NOT EXCLUDE JOINT VENTURE.
4. HUNGARIANS LOOK TOWARD TALKS LEADING TO TRADE AGREEMENT, HOPEFULLY THIS YEAR.
5. HUNGARIANS WANT TO SEE SHULTZ, DENT OR BUTZ HERE, OR ALL OF THEM. HOPE FOR MORE INTENSIVE DIALOGUE AT HIGH LEVELS.
6. HUNGARIANS UNANIMOUSLY, INCLUDING KADAR, INSIST ON RETURN OF CROWN OF ST. STEPHEN. CAN' T UNDERSTAND WHAT KEEPS US FROM RETURNING IT IN VIEW OF SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENTS OF US- HUNGARIAN RELATIONS. WHILE RESTRAINED IN THEIR DEMANDS FOR IT IN THE PAST, THEY MAY APPEAL TO WORLD OPINION IN THE FUTURE IF CROWN IS NOT RETURNED SOON.
7. HUNGARIANS (FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS) ARE SURPRISED WE HAVE NOT ACTED ON SUCH REMNANTS OF COLD WAR AS TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS, ANNOUNCING IN AND OUT PROCEDURES FOR CARRIERS OF OFFICIAL AND DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS, PORTS OF ENTRY, ON WHICH WE PRESSED SO HARD EARLIER.
8. HUNGARIANS ARE PREPARED TO HAVE TALKS TO BROADEN CULTURAL EXCHANGES AND WORK OUT CULTURAL AGREEMENT.

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9. HUNGARIAN LEADERS ARE UNHAPPY OVER THEIR ROLE IN ICCS. THEY BELIEVE (KADAR) EVEN IF FOUR SELECTED FROM HEAVEN TO SUPERVISE PEACE IN VIETNAM, VIETNAMESE FACTIONS WOULD MAKE THEIR JOB IMPOSSIBLE.
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